

## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objection set forth in the last office action with respect to claims 1 and 8. Applicants submit that the "means" holding the first and second parts together in a permanent fixed relationship is clearly understood in light of the Specification. The Specification discloses that any adhesive may be used to secure an optical part with even greater strength after engagement of the recesses and protrusions. See page 9, first full paragraph. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are understood in light of the specification, and accordingly, Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejection of claims 1-10 set forth by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicant respectfully submits that the art of record fails to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention.

*Ishikawa*, Patent No. 5,719,712, is nonanalogous art because it is directed to binoculars with very fine resolving power and discloses a device which is capable of defining positions with a unit smaller than the pitch of pitching/clicking grooves. On the other hand, Applicant's invention is directed to the manufacturing of a low-cost optical part linkage device that comprises two optical parts that may be easily and precisely fixed. *Ishikawa* is directed to much different technology and those skilled in the manufacture of imaging devices would not look to it in order to solve the problem of temporarily securing imaging devices for providing a permanent fixed relationship.

Moreover, *Ishikawa* strives to achieve very fine resolutions in binoculars by utilizing clicking projections which are provided in different positions within a pitch of the clicking grooves in order to define a position with a resolving power less than a pitch. See generally column 1. This is desired because reduction in the pitch of clicking grooves has limitations. Conversely, Applicant's invention is directed to a device which reduces manufacturing errors

such as misaligned optical parts by providing a low-cost device with two optical parts which remain temporarily yet precisely secured during manufacturing while a permanent fixed relationship is achieved. Therefore, the art of record provides no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding the claimed invention and those skilled in the manufacture of imaging devices would not look to it in order to solve the manufacturing problem.

In addition, Applicant's invention comprises rounded recesses and protrusions which allow for easy rotation of an optical part. Conversely, *Ishikawa* discloses clicking projections which must be elastically pressed against edged clicking grooves. Finally, *Ishikawa* neither teaches nor suggests a means for securing the first part and the second part in a permanent fixed relationship. The art of record provides no such teaching or suggestion, and accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner allow all claims in the application.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Examiner now withdraw the objections and rejections and allow all claims in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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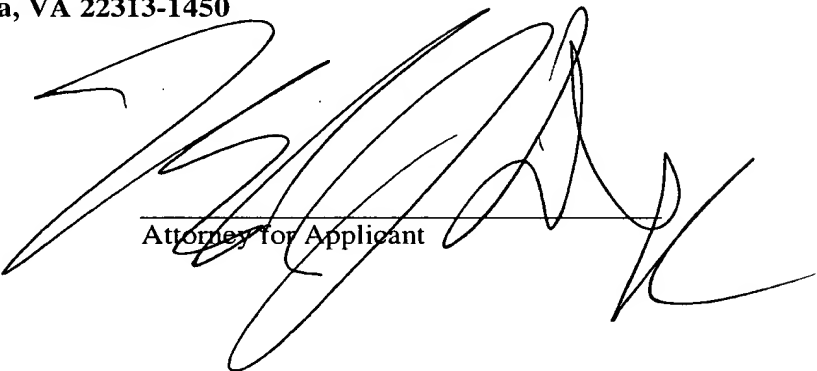
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